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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JUNE 22, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated June 22, 2006, please amend the claims as follows and consider the following. Included herewith are the following:

1. Transmittal form (SB/21);
2. Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form (SB/81)

instructing correspondence to be sent to the practitioners associated with Customer No. 30565;

3. Request for Extension of Time (SB/22) for 5 months, including the credit card payment form for the fee, small entity rate.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.